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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Kroninger, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/729,882

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For: METHOD OF PROCESSING A
WORKPIECE, AND A WORK CARRIER,
IN PARTICULAR OF POROUS CERAMIC

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2009 in the above-referenced application, please reconsider the rejection in view of the amendment and remarks presented herein.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.